Tripura to check the activities of extremists belonging to the Tripura National Volunteers (TNV). A Memorandum of Settlement has been signed on 12th August, 1988 with the TNV by the Additional Secretary, Union Home Ministry on behalf of the Government of India, the Chief Secretary, Tripura on behalf of the Government of Tripura in the presence of Governor, Tripura and Chief Minister, Tripura. Copies of the Memorandum of Settlement have already been laid on the Table of the House on 12.8.1988.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The question of withdrawal of Army will be considered after the TNV come overground and deposit their arms, ammunition and equipments as per the Memorandum of Settlement on Tripura.

Jain-Banerjee Committee

3551. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jain-Banerjee Committee appointed to hasten prosecutions on the 1984 anti-Sikh riots is finding difficult to get their suggestions carried over by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not appointed any lawyer to represent the Committee before the High Court; and

(c) whether the request of the Committee to apponit a Deputy Inspector General of Police as an Additional Commissioner in the Delhi Police to enable it to perform its task better was rejected by Government; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. However, on a writ petition, the Delhi High Court issued adinterim injuction on 24.11.87 restraining the Committee from making recommendation for registration of fresh cases. The Court also restrained the Delhi Police from registering any case on the directions/orders of the Committee.

(b) No, Sir. A senior Govt. Counsel, having sufficient seniority and experience has been engaged to defend the case on behalf of Delhi Administration and the Committee.

(c) Since a nodal officer of the rank of Addl. Commissioner of Police had already been nominated in the Police Headquarters to act as Liaison Officer for the Committee, appointment of yet another officer was not considered necessary or justified.

Arrest of a TNV activist

3552. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Smt. Mallika Deb Barman, a TNV activist, was arrested by the Assam Rifles on the 19th May, 1988; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken by Government against her?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the State Government, Smt. Mallika Deb Barman is not a member of TNV. On May 19, 1988 around 0800 hrs she was forced by a tribal youth of 24-25 years to accompany him and show the route to Jangaliapara while she had gone to fetch drinking water from a well 200-300 yards away from her house. When they started, the youth handed over his bag to the girl for carrying. On reaching near Barjabasipara, they were asked to